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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 10, 2000

APPLICATION OF

PHONE RECONNECT OF AMERICA, L.L.C

CASE NO. PUC990083

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity
to provide local exchange
telecommunications services

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On November 19, 1999, Phone Reconnect of America, L.L.C., ("PRA" or "Applicant"), completed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity requesting authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. As a prepaid reseller and pursuant to 20 VAC 5-400-180 J, the Applicant also requested a waiver of several Virginia Administrative Code provisions.¹

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of this filing, the Commission is of the opinion that PRA's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice to the public of its application; that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the application and present its findings

¹ PRA requested a waiver specifically for the following subsections of the Local Rules, codified at 20 VAC 5-400-180: B5a, C1d, C1e, C1f, C5 and D3c.

in a Staff Report; and that a public hearing should be convened to receive evidence relevant to PRA's application. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990083.

(2) A public hearing for the purpose of receiving evidence relevant to PRA's application is scheduled for February 9, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

(3) On or before January 20, 2000, the Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice, which shall be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising, in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Applicant's proposed service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION
BY PHONE RECONNECT OF AMERICA, L.L.C.
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE LOCAL EXCHANGE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES THROUGHOUT
THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CASE NO. PUC990083

On November 19, 1999, Phone Reconnect of America, L.L.C. ("PRA" or "Applicant") completed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity requesting authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. In its application, the PRA also requested waivers of specific provisions of the Virginia Administrative Code.

A public hearing on PRA's application will be convened on February 9, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, to hear evidence relevant to PRA's application for a certificate to provide local exchange services.

Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or can be ordered from PRA's counsel, Jeffrey T. Nodland, Esquire, Lockridge Grindal Nauen, P.L.L.P., 100 Washington Avenue South, Suite 2200, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-2179.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on PRA's application may do so by directing such comments on or before January 31, 2000, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed below. Written comments must refer to Case No. PUC990083.

Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning PRA's application need only appear in the Commission's second floor courtroom at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself as a public witness to the Commission's Bailiff.

Any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a Protestant, pursuant to Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, should promptly obtain a copy of the Order for Notice and Hearing from the Clerk of the Commission for full details of the procedural schedule and instructions on participation.

Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at least seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing date at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9206 (TDD).

All written communications to the Commission concerning PRA's application should be directed to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and should refer to Case No. PUC990083.

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(4) On or before January 20, 2000, Applicant shall give notice of its application to each local exchange telephone carrier certificated in Virginia by personal delivery or by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business or residence of the person served. A current list of those carriers and their addresses is attached as Appendix A.

(5) On or before January 20, 2000, the Applicant shall prefile with the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any additional direct testimony it intends to present at the public hearing. Copies shall also be served on any person who files a Notice of Protest.

(6) Any person desiring to comment in writing on PRA's application may do so by directing such comments on or before January 31, 2000, to the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218.

Comments must refer to Case No. PUC990083. Any person desiring to make a statement at the public hearing concerning the application need only appear in the Commission's second floor courtroom at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Bailiff as a public witness.

(7) On or before January 31, 2000, any person desiring to participate as a Protestant as defined in Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules") shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of a Notice of Protest as provided in Rule 5:16(a) and shall serve a copy of the same on PRA's counsel, Jeffrey T. Nodland, Esquire, Lockridge Grindal Nauen, P.L.L.P., 100 Washington Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-2179.

(8) Any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate in the proceeding as a Protestant pursuant to Rule 4:6 shall file on or before January 31, 2000, an original and fifteen (15) copies of its Protest with the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above, referring to Case No. PUC990083, and shall on the same day mail a copy thereof to PRA's counsel, Jeffrey T. Nodland, Esquire, Lockridge Grindal Nauen, P.L.L.P., 100 Washington Avenue South, Suite 2200, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401-2179, and to any other Protestants. The Protest shall set forth (i) a precise statement of the interest of the Protestant in the

proceeding; (ii) a full and clear statement of the facts which the Protestant is prepared to prove by competent evidence; and (iii) a statement of the specific relief sought and the legal basis therefor. Any corporate entity that wishes to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, or otherwise participate as a Protestant must be represented by legal counsel in accordance with the requirements of Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules.

(9) On or before January 31, 2000, each Protestant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of the prepared testimony and exhibits the Protestant intends to present at the hearing, and shall on the same day mail a copy of the same to counsel for PRA and other Protestants. Service upon counsel for PRA shall be made at the address set forth above.

(10) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of PRA's application and present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before February 1, 2000.

(11) On or before February 1, 2000, if necessary, the Commission Staff may file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any prepared testimony and exhibits it intends to present at the public hearing. A copy of the Staff direct testimony shall be mailed to the counsel for the Applicant and to each Protestant.

(12) On or before February 4, 2000, the Applicant shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any testimony it expects to introduce in rebuttal to any direct prefiled testimony of Staff and Protestants. A copy of the rebuttal testimony shall be mailed to Staff and each Protestant by overnight delivery.

(13) At the commencement of the hearing scheduled herein, PRA shall provide to the Commission proof of the notice and service required by ordering paragraphs (3) and (4) herein.

(14) The Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within seven (7) days after the receipt of the same. Protestants shall provide to the Applicant, other Protestants and Staff any workpapers or documents used in preparation of their prefiled testimony, promptly upon request. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Rules.